UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

In re:	David Allen Ashley)	Case Number: 20-10343
	Damaira Ashley)	Chapter 13 Proceedings
	Debtors)	Judge Jessica E. Price Smith

TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO MODIFY DEBTORS' CONFIRMED PLAN

Now comes **LAUREN A. HELBLING**, the duly appointed, qualified, and standing Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") herein, and hereby moves this Honorable Court to modify the Debtors' confirmed Chapter 13 Plan ("plan") pursuant to Section 1329 of the Bankruptcy Code. In support of this motion, the Trustee makes the following representations to the Court:

- 1. Debtors filed a petition under Chapter 13 of Title 11, U.S.C. on January 20, 2020. Debtors' plan was confirmed on April 22, 2020. The current plan payment is \$400.00 per month, with the unsecured creditors receiving \$4,124.41 or an 8% dividend, whichever is greater. Unsecured creditors filed allowed claims totaling \$41,724.79.
- 2. At the time this case was confirmed, Debtors listed income from wages and that totaled \$57,244.00 annually. A review of Debtors' 2020 tax return and W-2 statements shows that their annual gross income from wages has increased to \$65,367.00. After taking into consideration additional payroll taxes and cost of living increases it appears that Debtors can now afford to increase the plan payment by \$400.00 per month. When this amount is added to the current plan payment, the new plan payment would be \$1,000.00 per month.
- 3. Section 1329(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the plan may be modified at any time after confirmation (but before completion of payments under the plan) in order to increase the amount to be paid to unsecured creditors. Section 1322 (a)(1) of the Code requires that the plan shall provide for the submission of all or such portion of future earnings or other income of the debtor to the supervision and control of the trustee as is necessary for the execution of plan. Section 1325(a) of the Code requires that such a modification be offered in "good faith". Based on the information provided herein, it would be appropriate to modify Debtors' plan to increase the plan payment to \$1,000.00 per month and to increase the payment to unsecured creditors to \$7,927.70 or 19% whichever is greater.
- 4. Debtors are "below-median income" debtors, and the applicable commitment period is 36 months. Once the monthly plan payment is increased to \$1,000.00, the plan would complete in less than 36 months. Therefore, Trustee is requesting that the payment to unsecured creditors is increased to \$7,927.70 or 19% whichever is greater.

WHEREFORE your Trustee, being a proper party in interest, hereby moves this Honorable Court to enter an order modifying Debtors' plan in accordance with the recommendations listed in this motion and for the reasons cited.

/S/ Lauren A. Helbling

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 23, 2021, a true and correct copy of the Trustee's Motion to Modify Debtors' Confirmed Plan was served:

Via the Court's Electronic Case Filing System on these entities and individuals who are listed on the Court's Electronic Mail Notice List:

William J. Balena, Esq. on behalf of the Debtors at docket@ohbksource.com

And by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on:

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